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Cruelty & Contamination are linked --- as a small-scale farmer I am aw-are of life on a farm - we have horses, donkeys, sheep, goats, chickens, dogs and cats here. Each one's life is valued and cared for in sickness as in health. Therefore I am very upset about what I am reading/hearing about the FDA and the US Egg Industry and the need to reduce egg born diseases in the interest of the public's own health.

I am aware of Dockets#98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197 thus I am writing to ask that (1) Farm practices such as forced molting of hens (starving them up to 2 weeks at a time!) to manipulate egg production be banned. (2)More needs to be done than just put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg temperatures.

It is my understanding that FDA was petitioned in April of 1998 to ban forced molting of hens. Why hasn't this petition been granted by now? Please stop this insane cruelty and work to prevent deaths and sickness in our population. NOW!!!

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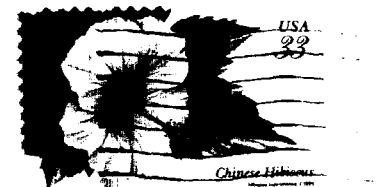
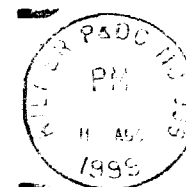
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